

Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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We are coming close to the end of the fiscal year and the Army is still the leading service for on-time transmissions despite the latest issue with allocation aborting. I did speak with the EAS Program Manager and a "fix" was implemented two weekends ago. However, according to the PM, the root cause was extremely hard to pin down, but they were able to reproduce the error, but unfortunately, the fix did not correct the problem. Tier 3 continues to work this issue and may have a fix to deploy this weekend which will require additional downtime. I understand there may be certain circumstances that prevent you from transmitting before the suspense, but I urge you to transmit as soon as you can. Several of you were concerned about being penalized in PBAM because of the possibility of missing the suspense due to the allocation issue. I want to assure you that anytime there is a system issue that prevents you from meeting the suspense date, you will not receive a PBAM penalty.

We disseminated the draft FY12 MEPRS Policy and Guidance mid-September and wanted to thank everyone for their feedback and questions. The guidance memorandum and all the attachments are available for download in AKO. As you know, our MEPRS guidance is included in the overall FY 12 Funding Guidance (Annex C) memo and once it is signed, we will provide you the final copy. We are still working on our AMPO web page and hope to debut it next month.

There's a hint of autumn in the air (that is if you get up at 0400 in the morning here in San Antonio) and I'm excited – almost giddy – because autumn is my favorite time of the year, particularly the month of October because we get to celebrate one of my favorite holidays-Halloween (thought I was going to say something about shoes, didn't you?). AMPO will be having their annual Halloween party and we will be sure to include some pics in the November newsletter. So, why was big sister unhappy when she won first prize for the best costume at the Halloween party? Because Joanne had only come to collect her brother!

Have a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army MTF MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, DMHRSi Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, and Discrepancies for FY07-FY11 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's). Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:
BAMC
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!
SONJA KOONS & STAFF

BEDDED:
STAFF
CONGRATS FT.RILEY BOB
KESLER & STAFF

UNBEDDED:
FT. LEAVENWORTH
LINDA HIXSON & STAFF
AWESOME JOB!

COMMUNITY BASED MEDICAL HOME (CBMH) EMPANELMENT

A recent memorandum signed by the Army SG, LTG Schoomaker, provides authorization for the Empanelment of retirees, their family members and survivors who are eligible for TRICARE Prime to providers assigned to a Community Based Medical Home (CBMH). The CBMHs affected are Screaming Eagle, Frontier, Richmond Hill, Fayetteville, Hope Mills, Schertz, Warrior Ohana, Maidigan Puyallup Community, Moncrief, Ozark Family-Centered, Copperas Cove and Harker Heights. Although a change to the initial guidance that only Active Duty Family Members were eligible for empanelment to the CBMH, this change will not affect AMPO guidance or MEPRS Office procedures/policies.

FLU SHOTS

When personnel from the MTF leave their work center to take the flu shot, the time remains reportable to the work center. If the civilian takes sick leave during the time they are gone to take the flu shot, and this time will be reported through civilian payroll as sick leave, then the appropriate 02.02-Civilian Sick Leave task within DMHRSi will be used. If the supervisor authorizes the use of Administrative Leave, and this time will be reported through civilian payroll as Administrative leave, then the appropriate 02.01-Civilian Leave task within DMHRSi will be used.

DMHRSi TIMECARDS STUCK IN A SUBMITTED STATUS

AMPO will no longer be sending help desk tickets on any timecards that were submitted less than three days ago. Timecards need a chance to flow and for the timecard approver to take action. The help desk is finding a large majority of the timecards that Army submits as stuck have actually been approved by the time they receive the ticket. Do not send a ticket to AMPO on any timecard that has not been in a submitted status for at least three days.

MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC – MEPRS CODE BFD

AMPO has received several inquiries as to whether the Mental Health Clinic should only be seeing active duty military personnel. AMPO has received written acknowledgment from TMA that the language used in the 6010.13M for BFD is misleading. Even though it lists other functional areas to include Child Guidance (BFC) which would suggest beneficiaries other than active duty military personnel, the majority of the focus implies this clinic is only for active duty military personnel. Looking at the language used for the other clinics listed in this section, there are definitely inconsistencies in describing the populations served. In reviewing the data, all three services are utilizing this clinic for more than just active duty military. TMA concurs that the Army (and other Services) will continue with reporting workload for all beneficiaries in the Mental Health Clinic. The 6010.13M will be revised to better reflect the type of care that is actually performed in this clinic and the population served. However, in order to accomplish this, AMPO will coordinate with the consultant and subject matter experts to ensure that the data collected follows the appropriate policy guidance.



What should I do in preparation for the FY12 TDA upload for?

In DMHRSi Discoverer Viewer, run the Army Organizations with LCA Codes report. Enter your Parent DMIS ID and a % in the CCNUM. This will give you a list of all organizations for all years. Filter on "Org Info End Date" and "31-Dec-12". You should only see a CCNUM that ends in 11 (example 0311 or 0411). If you see anything else, it should be a local organization. Anything that isn't a local organization will need to be researched. If it's not on your FY11 TDA, why are you using it? If you need further assistance on those, please contact your AMPO Analyst.